



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Parkinson's Disease is a progressive disorder of the central nervous system, affecting more than one and a half million people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the American Parkinson Disease Association, Inc., founded in 1961, has sought to "Ease the Burden and Find the Cure" for this disease through research, patient and family services, education and sponsorship of 56 chapters, 62 Information and Referral Centers, and almost 1,000 support groups throughout the United States; and

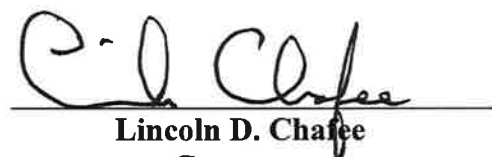
WHEREAS, Rhode Island recognizes the efforts of the Rhode Island Chapter to raise funds and promote awareness to fight Parkinson's Disease, thereby improving the quality of life for those living with the disease; and

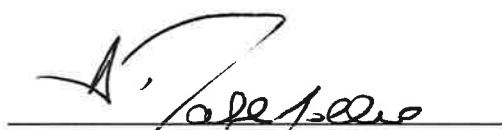
WHEREAS, the world, the nation and Rhode Island observe Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month in April; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim April, 2013 Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month in Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to join me in recognizing the importance of this month.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 10th day of April, 2013


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor


A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State